Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Secretary to Government go to the Ernakulam Railway Station today and see whether there is any such carriage with a board 'Ernakulam-Mettupalayam' attached on the last train. I have seen on several occasions that an ordinary railway carriage constructed together with the break van is attached with no accommodation for more than 16 passengers. On most occasions, there is no board attached to the carriage to show that it is for Mettupalayam.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* If the Hon'ble Member wants actual statistics, I shall give you.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If it is for 50 3rd class passengers then it is satisfactory. But they do not supply accommodation for 50 passengers. The rule may be so. But the subor inate Railway staff do not attend to their duty in the matter.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know the average number of daily passengers?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It has never exceeded half that number. The highest record is only 29.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* There will be passengers from Chalakkudi and Trichur.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, there will be interlopers, those who travel to intermediate stations.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF

246. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any Geologist attached to the Harbour Works or the Port;

(*b*) will the Government be further pleased to place on the table of the House the report of any Geological Survey on the Willingdon Island that has been made, if any?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government are not in possession of any report of a Geological Survey on the Willingdon Island.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Where is this survey conducted?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* In all the places throughout the port area of Cochin.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it a port appointment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

POONKUNNAM RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' QUARTERS—CONDITION OF

247. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the state of the Railway Employees' Quarters attached to the Poonkunnam Railway Station;

(*b*) whether the Government be pleased to find out whether the quarters are fit for the residence of human beings from the point of view of the health of the residents?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) The Railway Agent who was referred to in the matter has informed the Government that the two Railway Quarters at Poonkunnam are maintained in good condition.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* My personal investigation has proved me otherwise. I had opportunities to go there personally, and it is after that I sent this question. If the D. P. H. or the Minister or the Secretary to Government visit this place, they will be satisfied that the information supplied by the Railway Company is incorrect.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why did the hon'ble member go to the cooly quarters?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I did not question about the cooly quarters. It was about the insanitary condition of the buildings of the officers' quarters that I have referred in the question.

LATIN CHRISTIANS IN FINANCE AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS—IMPROVEMENT IN PAY AND PROSPECTS OF

248. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the No. of Latin Christians recruited on the permanent establishment in the Lower Division of the Finance and Revenue Departments excepting the Village Staff, in the days of the Staff Selection Board and prior to its constitution;

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